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SUBJ: LOS - REQUEST FOR MINERAL DATA

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SUMMARY: RESPONSES TO ALL QUESTIONS ARE NONE OR N/A EXCEPT THAT AT END-1972 THERE EXISTED FOUR OFFSHORE PERMITS FOR OIL EXPLORATION TOTALLING 1500 SQUARE KILOMETERS COVERING AREA BETWEEN TRIPOLI AND TYRE. WE ESTIMATE HALF THIS AREA IS BEYOND 200-METER DEPTH. THREE PERMITS FROM BATROUN SOUTH HAVE SINCE EXPIRED, WERE NOT RENEWED. NEW PERMIT ISSUANCE SUSPENDED SINCE 1971. END SUMMARY

1. SECTION I RESPONSES FOLLOW;

1 THROUGH 6: 0

7: THREE HYDROCARBON EXPLORATION PERMITS ISSUED MARCH 25, 1969 TO GEORGE TABET AND CO., COVERING 900 SQUARE KILOMETERS, OFFSHORE BETWEEN TYRE AND BATROUN. EXPIRED MAR 25, 1973, NOT RENEWED. ONE HYDROCARBON EXPLORATION PERMIT ISSUED

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JUNE 18, 1968 TO RICHARD SHAHEEN (AMCIT), COVERING 600 SQUARE KILOMETERS OFFSHORE BETWEEN BATROUN AND TRIPOLI.

RENEWED JUNE 18, 1972 FOR THREE ADDITIONAL YEARS, ONE MORE THREE-YEAR RENEWAL POSSIBLE. UNABLE MEASURE AREA BEYOND 200-METER DEPTH BUT ESTIMATE IT AT APPROXIMATELY HALF OF EACH AREA, OR 750 SQUARE KILOMETERS TOTAL.

8: 0

9: N/A (SEE BEIRUT A-29 OF FEB 2 FOR 1971 DATA)

2. SECTION II RESPONSES:

1 THROUGH 4: 0

5 AND 6: N/A

NOTE: HYDRAULIC MINISTRY DECREE NO. 23/1 OF AUG 24, 1971, FORBADE ISSUANCE OF FURTHER HYDROCARBON EXPLORATION AND DRILLING PERMITS ALTHOUGH APPLICATIONS ARE ACCEPTED AND RECORDED IN ORDER. APPROXIMATELY 85 PERCENT OF LEBANON'S TERRITORY IS COVERED BY PERMITS. NO DRILLING KNOWN SINCE MID-1960'S, LITTLE IF ANY EXPLORATION UNDERWAY.
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